

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

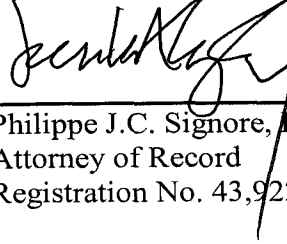
Claims 25-31, 34-41 and 43-47 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 32, 33, 42 and 48 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 32, 33, 42 and 48 are cancelled to place the present application in condition for participation in the First Action Interview Pilot Program. Upon entry of this Preliminary Amendment, the present application will include three or fewer independent claims and twenty or fewer total claims.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, prompt examination and allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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